

ALLXANDRIA TAX RATE DISCUSSED

Chamber of Commerce Delegation Argues at Hearing by Finance Board.

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At a meeting of the finance committee of the city council yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of giving a public hearing on the proposed new tax rate, a delegation from the Chamber of Commerce appeared, consisting of W. A. Smoot, Jr., A. D. Brockett, J. M. Duncan, John W. May, Worth Hultish, and George S. French. In view of the heated discussion on this question at the recent meeting of the council, it was expected that the Chamber of Commerce would specify a fixed rate of assessment; that they would probably insist on the present rate of \$1.50 on the \$100 prevailing, but this did not take place.

Mr. Smoot, speaking for the chamber, stated that the body did not desire a specific rate, but rather a specific policy, providing a rate of assessment that would properly provide for necessary public improvements, particularly the care of the city's streets, which at the same time would prove fair to the property owners. It was suggested that a flat rate should be established, with penalty for non-payment. The Chamber of Commerce, he stated, represented between 25 and 50 per cent of the tax-paying population.

A petition was presented by Councilman Sparks, signed by 200 of the most prominent business men of this city, advocating a flat rate of \$1.50 on the \$100, with a discount for prompt payment. This, he stated, would yield a greater sum than the city now receives, and requested the committee to carefully consider the proposition as made.

Robert S. Barrett, of the board of police commissioners, made a plea for a general increase in salary to all members of the local police force, calling attention to the abnormally low salaries now paid, lower than any other force in the State. He also asked for the installation of patrol boxes.

The finance committee will return a report to the city council at its meeting, this evening, and it is expected that a definite decision will be arrived at.

An automobile truck, belonging to the Texas Oil Company, driven by Joseph P. Phelps, of 18 M street southeast, Washington, ran down and painfully injured Mrs. William Jewell, aged thirty-three, living at the Braddock House, in Royal street, near King, yesterday afternoon. She was carried to a drug store by Officer Garvey, and later taken to the Alexandria Hospital, where upon examination by Dr. Gorman, it was found that her scalp had been lacerated, necessitating several stitches, and that she had sustained a number of minor bruises. Her injuries, however, are not supposed to be considered serious.

From the testimony of several witnesses, the coroner is believed to be purely an accident.

In police court this morning Mamie Vaughn was fined \$5 for an assault on Ella Brown. Both of the participants were colored. The coroner was fined \$5 for committing a nuisance.

Funeral services for Louis Helche, farmer of Manassas, Va., who died at the residence of Dr. Kipstein Saturday afternoon, were held from Wheatley's Chapel yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Tweten, pastor of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

A meeting of the Civil Improvement League will be held in the room of the Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 this evening.

The report of N. S. Greenaway, clerk of courts, for the month of February, will show that twenty-five marriage licenses were issued during the month, eighteen to white and eight to colored couples, and that twenty deaths were recorded during that period.

A meeting of the men of Christ Church was held last evening, and a missionary committee appointed for the purpose of "bringing before the people of the church the needs of the church at home and abroad." The meeting was held in the recent convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and it is hoped thereby to sustain the enthusiasm created.

The executive and super committees of the Laymen's Movement will meet in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association at 7 o'clock, to wind up the affairs of the convention, and make plans toward the furtherance of the movement already started. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Local churches will observe the following program during Lent:

St. Mary's Catholic—Ash Wednesday, Lent mass at 6 o'clock and second mass at 8 o'clock. Blessed ashes will be distributed at both masses. First Friday's mass at 6 o'clock and second mass at 7 o'clock. Masses each week morning during Lent at 6:30 o'clock until the completion of the work on the interior of the church.

Christ Episcopal—Ash Wednesday services at 11 a. m.; Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 5 o'clock; Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock, with sermon by a visiting clergyman.

St. Paul's Episcopal—Services Ash Wednesday at 11 a. m.; Thursday, 8 p. m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p. m.; Grace Episcopal—Services Ash Wednesday at 7 and 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.; Monday and Saturday, 8 p. m.; Wednesday at 7 a. m., and Fridays at 7:30 p. m.

Emmanuel Lutheran—Services every Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m.

MRS. MILLER PAYS \$10,000 FOR A LOT

Purchaser Will Erect One or More Residences on Property.

Mrs. Anna Jenness Miller has purchased a lot 50 by 110 feet on the north side of Lefty place, between Connecticut avenue and Phelps street northwest, for \$10,000. The sale was made by Poe & Hill in connection with Herbert A. Gill.

Mrs. Miller intends to erect one or two residences on the property, and has engaged Charles A. Langley as builder.

Southeast House Sold.

J. Edson Briggs has sold to Mrs. Josephine Hallam the seven-room dwelling, at 631 South Carolina avenue southeast, for \$8,000. The sale was made through the office of Willing, Gibbs & Daniel.

The house occupies a lot 20 by 65 feet. Mrs. Hallam will occupy it as her residence.

Ruthven Lodge Relic for D. A. R.

Charles J. Bell, one of the trustees of the Thompson tract, which is being subdivided to make Massachusetts avenue Heights, and upon which Ruthven Lodge, known as the Dolly Madison House, was located until torn down last week, announced today that the brass lock from the big central door of the old mansion is to be presented to the Daughters of the American Revolution, to be deposited in the historical collection at Continental Hall.

Amos H. Plumb, the other trustee of the property, has obtained the lock from the main door of the west wing, and will send it today to the State Historical Society of Kansas.

Downtown Ground for Suburb.

The unusual spectacle of a steam shovel digging out earth by the ton from a lot in the heart of the business section of the city and the transportation of the dirt to a suburban tract which is being made over into a subdivision was witnessed today for the first time at the southeast corner of Fifteenth and H streets northwest, the site of the new Woodward office building, and from there out to Massachusetts Avenue Heights, to which a line of wagons is transferring the earth.

The foundation for the new Woodward building must be laid much deeper than those of the old George Washington University buildings which have just been razed from the site. To do the work of excavation as expeditiously as possible a steam shovel was installed.

The shovel turned out good many tons of earth an hour, and there was no place to put it. It just happened that the contractor who is grading up the rough property which is to become Massachusetts Avenue Heights needed some extra dirt to bring up the grade of some of the lots. The earth from the excavation for the Woodward building had to be transferred to some point, and the needs of the two contractors were readily satisfied.

Builder Returns From South.

Harry Wardman, the well-known builder, returned to the city this morning, after several weeks' absence in Florida, where he went for rest and recuperation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Fourteenth Street Terrace—Lynchburg Investment Corporation to William M. Palmer, lot 22, square 355, \$10.

K street northeast, between Sixth and Seventh streets—Herman Howenstein et al. to Otto and Emma T. Mannerbacher, lot 46, square 82, \$6,250.

North Carolina avenue southeast, between First and Second streets—E. Baker Evans et al. to Emma T. Mannerbacher, lot 7, square 734, \$10.

H street southeast, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets—Wm. W. Dickford to William F. and Mary M. V. Reinhardt, lot 59, square 107, \$10.

Twenty-seventh Street—Carroll to Catherine W. Todey, half interest in part lots 7 to 10, square west of 4, \$10.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued today:

To W. V. Leutsch, for one three-story brick dwelling at 137 Fairmont street northwest; architect, E. O. Voland; builder, J. R. Haulsch; estimated cost, \$2,000.

To G. G. Cornwell and John H. Nolan, for two two-story brick private garages at 240 and 242 Wyoming avenue northwest; architect and builder, J. H. Nolan; estimated cost, \$4,000.

To John Herath, for two two-story frame dwellings on Burns street, near Minnesota avenue southeast; architect, Walter Taylor; builder, John Herath; estimated cost, \$1,500.

To S. M. Greenbaum, to repair building at 231 M street northwest; architect, T. H. Jackson; builders, Payne and McMillen; estimated cost, \$1,250.

"Destroys" Property; Forfeits His Collateral

Charles Widmeyer forfeited \$5 collateral in the Police Court this morning on a charge of deserting on private property. Widmeyer, who was arrested last night by Policeman McDonnell, was forced to put up \$5 collateral on a charge of stealing \$2 worth of copper wire from the Potomac Electric Power Company, but the charge was changed this morning and the prisoner was allowed to forfeit \$5.

Kondon Mfg. Company
Minneapolis, Minn.

RICH LAWBREAKERS MUST GO TO JAIL

Not Money Enough in World to Buy Immunity, Says Curtis.

Declaring that there isn't money enough in the world to buy immunity from criminal prosecutions for rich lawbreakers, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Curtis today stated that the offer of the Duveen importing firm, of New York, charged with undervaluation frauds, to pay more than \$1,000,000 in exchange for the promise that there would be no jail sentences would be rejected.

"The policy of securing jail sentences for rich lawbreakers will be followed out to the last letter. The government will accept no compromise offers that have a string tied to them. No matter how much money the Duveen firm, or any other firm that has violated the law, offers to pay back, the government will proceed with criminal prosecutions just the same. Duveen's offer will be rejected."

Spiering to Conduct Symphony Concert

Owing to the illness of Gustav Mahler, the concert of the Philharmonic Society, this afternoon, at the National Theater, will be conducted by Theodore Spiering.

The Bach suite, scheduled for this afternoon's concert, will be performed at the third concert on the afternoon of March 28. Instead, McDowell's concerto for pianoforte and orchestra will be given, with Ernest Hutcheson at the piano.

The remainder of the program, including Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony; Weber's overture, "Oberon," and Liszt's symphonic poem, "Les Preludes," will be given as announced.

Not for Looks.

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FIVE FAMILIES LEFT WITHOUT BREAKFAST

Clean Clothing Also Scarce Following Visitation of Bold Thief.

Five families living in "Philadelphia Row," between North Carolina avenue and B street, on Eleventh street southeast, went without breakfast this morning. Until the head of one of the five families orders another supply it will be without beer.

And all because some robber entered the backyards of the five houses last night or early this morning and pilfered everything he could lift.

Clothing was taken from the lines in the back yards, yesterday being Monday and washday, and food and provisions were pilched from the refrigerators of the following:

Miss Anna Adams, house number 136, a clerk in the Treasury Department; Miss Adeline Bradburn, house number 138, a clerk in the Library of Congress; Lewis H. Roth, house number 140, a clerk in the Pension Office; William E. Wood, house number 142, a clerk in the Pension Office; J. Z. Yoder, and three school teachers of the same name, house number 144, employed in an adjacent office.

The police of the Fifth precinct were notified and Captain Williams of the southeast station detailed two detectives to investigate the robberies.

In every instance, the refrigerators had been well cleaned out of every vestige of food, and where the clothing had been left hanging on the lines in the yards, the robber had carefully gone over every piece and selected only the best.

MILLIONS OF FAMILIES are using SYRUP OF FIGS and ELIXIR OF SENNA

FOR COLDS AND HEADACHES, INDIGESTION AND SOUR STOMACH, GAS AND FERMENTATION, CONSTIPATION AND BILIOUSNESS, WITH MOST SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

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Sanitary

Grocery Specials

Some very tempting bargains for the remainder of this week. Telephone or call at our nearest store. You cannot afford to miss the savings.

25c Bags Sanitary Flour this week..... 20c
10c Package Aunt Jemima Pancake this week..... 7c
10c Package Aunt Jemima Buckwheat this week..... 7c
10c Hecker's Buckwheat, this week..... 7c

25c Jars Erie Bacon this week..... 15c
35c Cans Hunt's Quality Fruits this week..... 25c
25c Cans Hunt's Staple Sliced Pineapple this week..... 20c
20c Cans Hunt's Staple Sliced Pineapple this week..... 15c

Fancy White Potatoes, peck..... 20c
Near-by Fresh Eggs, per doz..... 20c
Pure Lard, per lb..... 12c
Compound Lard, per lb..... 10c

B. & M. Flaked Fish..... 9c & 14c
Strictly Fresh Creamery Butter, lb., 31c
Shredded Codfish..... 9c
Brick Fish, lb..... 7c

Bone-Out Codfish, very fancy..... 15c
Hecker's Cream Oatmeal, pkg..... 7c
These are the large 10c packages. Rolled Oats. We never sold Rolled Oats so cheap.

Tomatoes, 3 cans..... 25c
Corn, per can..... 8c & 9c

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Funeral Tomorrow of Long-Time Resident

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for Andrew Jackson, aged eighty-three, an old resident of Washington, who died Monday night at his home, 923 L street northwest.

Mr. Jackson was an invalid for six years, the last three of which he had been confined to his bed. As a result of a runaway accident, he had both of his legs amputated below the knees. Old age and ill health forced him to give up his business as a contracting painter.

Mr. Jackson is survived by a son, Edward W. Jackson, of Baltimore, and a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Somerville, of 323 Newton street northwest. Mr. and Mrs. Somerville are now in Colorado Springs for their health and will not return for the funeral. Mr. Jackson was a Mason and an Odd Fellow.

An Opportune Knock.

"They say that opportunity knocks at every man's door."

"Do you believe that?"

"Oh, yes. I am constantly being offered elegant chances to invest."

George Ade to Be Guest of Sigma Chi Fraternity

George Ade, author and humorist, will be the guest of honor at the twenty-second annual banquet of the Washington Alumni Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity in the Shoreham Wednesday night. Ade is grand consul of the national fraternity, and will represent the executive committee of the grand chapter.

Other speakers at the Sigma Chi dinner will be Judge Howard Ferris, of Cincinnati; Hamilton Douglas, of Atlanta, and John Randolph Tucker, of Richmond.

The officers of the Washington Alumni Chapter are Morris F. Frey, president; A. H. Williams, vice president; E. J. McKee, treasurer; W. W. Birney, secretary, and Dr. Robert Farnham, financial secretary. Clarence A. Hensley is chairman of the banquet committee.

Whooping 'Er Up.

"Those must be hostile Indians. I fear we are lost. Listen to their blood-curdling warwhoops."

"I know that yell. Those Indians are graduates of Yalevard."

3 1/2 Yards India Linon

Fine Sheer Quality White India Linon, snow white, bleached for waists and dresses. Worth 50c a yard. Total value \$1.75. Sale price 24c a yard.

29c

Half pairs or Single Blankets, in white or gray with pink or blue borders. Worth \$1.00 pair. 29c

Four pairs of children's good quality Muslin Drawers, with cluster tucks and ruffles or tucks and hemstitching. Sizes to 10 years. Sale price. 29c

Five yards of Standard Apron Gingham, in blue and brown checks; warranted fast colors. Worth \$2.00. 29c

Tomorrow's "29-cent Sale" presents one of the most attractive lists of bargains we have ever been able to assemble for this unique event. Almost every department in the store contributes something unusual in the way of extraordinary value-giving. All over the house—29c Buys Values Worth 50c, 75c and \$1.00

The prices are lowered for one day only—and wherever they are read will create a desire in the minds of thrifty shoppers to visit the store tomorrow and share the big savings. No mail or phone orders filled.

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